

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

A STATEMENT OF THE ANNUAL RECEIPTS

ON ACCOUNT OF

THE NAVY HOSPITAL FUND,

From 26th February, 1811, to 30th September, 1819, together with a statement of the disbursement of said fund, during the same period, &c. &c.

FEBRUARY 15, 1820.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,

FEBRUARY 8th, 1820.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 31st of January last, the commissioners of navy hospitals have the honor to submit the documents herewith, marked A and B; the first showing the amount of the annual receipts of hospital money, from the 26th of February, 1811, to the 30th of September, 1819; and the second showing an account of the expenditure, so far as the same has been distinctly charged to the navy hospital fund, on the books of the accountant of the Navy Department, but what has been heretofore deducted from the pay of the officers and seamen has been absorbed in the pay of the navy, as appears by the letter of the fourth auditor, a copy of which, marked C, and of the statement accompanying the same, is herewith transmitted.

No separate and distinct account having been kept of expenditures for the support of navy hospitals, and which were strictly and properly chargeable to the hospital fund, it is not within the power of the commissioners to say, whether the receipts under the act of 2d of March, 1799, have been since annually absorbed by expenditures for the support of naval hospitals.

No hospitals have been erected; the temporary buildings, occupied as such, are hired and paid for out of the naval appropriations, and the sick and disabled seamen provided for to the extent of their wants.

The commissioners respectfully submit, herewith, a copy of their last report, of the 14th of January, 1818, marked D, together with one from the Secretary of the Navy, of the 15th of January, 1818, marked E, giving a brief sketch of the proceedings heretofore had upon the subject; from which it will appear, that the objects contemplated by the act of the 26th of February, 1811, had not been carried into effect for the want of adequate funds.

The commissioners have recently directed the fourth auditor of the Treasury to render, annually, on the 1st day of October, accounts of the hospital money deducted from the pay of officers and seamen, with a view to its investment for the future benefit of the hospital fund.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SMITH THOM^{SON},
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
J. C. CALHOUN.

*The hon. the SPEAKER
Of the House of Representatives.*

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A.

An account of the Annual Receipts of Hospital Money, under the act of March 2d, 1799, from 26th February, 1811, to 30th September, 1819, as appear by accounts settled in the office of the Accountant of the Navy and Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

From 26th February to 30th September, 1811	1,582	50
From 1st October, 1811, to 30th September, 1812	4,777	80
From 1st October, 1812, to 30th September, 1813	8,346	99
From 1st October, 1813, to 30th September, 1814	14,240	56
From 1st October, 1814, to 30th September, 1815	12,764	28
From 1st October, 1815, to 30th September, 1816	16,004	09
From 1st October, 1816, to 30th September, 1817	22,549	20
From 1st October, 1817, to 30th September, 1818	14,278	30
From 1st October, 1818, to 30th September, 1819	24,244	70
	\$118,788	42

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Fourth Auditor's Office, 3d February, 1820.

CONSTANT FREEMAN,

Fourth Auditor.

B.

An Account of the Expenditures charged to the Navy Hospital Fund, from the 26th February, 1811, to 30th September, 1819, as appear by accounts settled in the Office of the Accountant of the Navy and Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

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1816	January 6	Paid B. H. Latrobe, for a plan of a Navy Hospital -	-	350 00
1818	May 7	Paid El Nathanael Judson, acting hospital surgeon, for pay and rations for himself and one assistant, from 19th August, 1816, to 30th April, 1818, house rent and fuel -	2,619 00	
		Paid, for travelling expenses, 5,153 miles at 15 cents -	772 95	
				3,391 95
June	29	Paid El Nathanael Judson, for his pay and emoluments from 1st May to 30th June, 1818 -	-	277 80
September 5		Paid E. Judson for ditto from 1st July to 31st August, 1818 -	-	273 00
November 9		Ditto from 1st September to 31st October, 1818	-	270 75
1819	January 6	Ditto from 1st November to 31st Dec. 1818	-	312 15
	March 31	Ditto from 1st January to 31st March, 1819	-	429 75
	May 18	Ditto from 1st to 30th April, 1819 -	-	241 95
	July 2	Ditto from 1st May to 30th June, 1819, for house rent and travelling expenses; also, for the pay and rations of one assistant for same time -	-	291 64

1819 August 31	Paid El Nathaniel Judson, for pay and emoluments of himself and one assistant from 1st July to 31st August, 1819	166 50
	For house rent and stationery, &c.	93 00
	For travelling expenses -	54 90
		314 40
		<u><u>\$ 6,153 35</u></u>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Fourth Auditor's Office, 3d February, 1820.

CONSTANT FREEMAN, *Fourth Auditor.*

C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

FOURTH AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

8th February, 1820.

SIR: I meant explicitly to state, in the letter I had the honor to write to you on the 4th of the present month, (transmitting statements A and B,) that the stoppages made from the officers and seamen for the hospital fund, were applied to the pay of the navy, not that any formal transfers were made for the purpose, but that the amount now stands credited to the fund, on the books of this office, for which the pay is debtor, as it has had the full benefit. To elucidate this, I herewith transmit a statement exhibiting the amount of moneys appropriated for the "pay and subsistence of officers, and pay of seamen," for the years 1811 to 1819, inclusive; and the amount of warrants drawn on that appropriation, from 1st October, 1810, to 30th September, 1819, by which there appears a surplus of expenditure, beyond the appropriations, of seven hundred and sixty thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-five cents, and if to this is added the sum of one hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars and forty-two cents, being amount of money carried to the credit of the "navy hospital fund," in accounts settled at this office during the same period, as exhibited in statement A, transmitted with my letter of the 4th instant, it would increase the deficit to eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents, and which has been covered by transfers made from other appropriations.

I have the honor to be, &c.

[Signed]

CONSTANT FREEMAN,

Fourth Auditor.

The Hon. SMITH THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Navy.

Statement exhibiting the amount of the Annual Appropriations for the "Pay and Subsistence of Officers, and pay of Seamen," and the amount of Warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Navy, and expended under said head of Appropriation, from the year 1811, to the year 1819, inclusive.

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED,	FOR WHAT YEAR APPROPRIATED	AMOUNT OF WARRANTS DRAWN.	FOR WHAT PERIOD DRAWN.
774,390	1811	879,671 80	From the 1st of Oct. 1810, to the 30th Sep. 1811, inclusive
1,123,341	1812	862,225 81	From the 1st of Oct. 1811, to the 30th Sep. 1812, do.
2,033,000	1813	1,738,650 52	From the 1st of Oct. 1812, to the 30th Sep. 1813, do.
2,579,341	1814	1,857,554 89	From the 1st of Oct. 1813, to the 30th Sep. 1814, do.
1,538,364 50	1815	2,596,769 56	From the 1st of Oct. 1814, to the 36th Sep. 1815, do.
1,142,015	1816	1,262,218 07	From the 1st of Oct. 1815, to the 30th Sep. 1816, do.
1,092,732	1817	1,162,661 61	From the 1st of Oct. 1816, to the 30th Sep. 1817, do.
1,135,595	1818	1,495,604 40	From the 1st of Oct. 1817, to the 30th Sep. 1818, do.
986,372 75	1819	1,309,954 94	From the 1st of Oct. 1818, to the 30th Sep. 1819, do.
<hr/>		13,165,311 60	
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Leaving a deficit of appropriations for the nine years of			

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, "Fourth Auditor's Office, 8th February, 1820,

CONSTANT FREEMAN, Fourth Auditor.

D.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

JANUARY 14, 1818.

The Commissioners of Navy Hospitals, designated by the act of Congress, passed 26th February, 1811, have taken into consideration the provisions and the objects of the said act, and find, upon examination, that the want of adequate funds has prevented its being carried into effect. The Commissioners, therefore, recommend, that so much of the law as separates the navy hospital fund from the marine hospital fund, be repealed; and so much of the third section of that law as requires the establishment of a permanent asylum, &c. unless Congress shall deem it expedient to appropriate, specifically, a sum sufficient for that special object.

The Commissioners further recommend, in case of repealing so much of the law, that the joint funds for the support of hospitals be placed under their direction, as Commissioners of hospitals, generally;—and that the present existing marine hospitals, with such as may be erected as navy hospitals, be placed under the same direction, to be governed by such rules and regulations as the Commissioners shall adopt; and the surgeons, officers, attendants, &c. to be appointed out of the naval surgeons, and those who fill the same stations in the naval hospital establishments; and that an appropriation be made for building and supporting the same.

W. H. CRAWFORD,
J. C. CALHOUN,
B. W. CROWNINSHIELD.

Honorable SPEAKER,
of the House of Representatives.

E.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

JANUARY 15th, 1818.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed the 22d day of December, 1817, I have the honor to submit the following statement in relation to naval hospitals, and to meet the inquiry contemplated in that resolution.

By the Act of Congress, passed 26th February, 1811, the Secretaries of the Navy, Treasury, and War, were appointed a Board of Commissioners of Navy Hospitals, and the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated out of the unexpended balance of the Marine Hospital Fund, to be paid to the said commissioners, to constitute a fund for navy hospitals; which sum has not been transferred to the credit of navy hospitals, in consequence of the deficit of receipts, in the several succeeding years, to meet the annual expenditure for the support of the marine hospitals, as will appear by the Treasury statement herewith; so that the fund for navy hospitals remains still unaided by that amount.

In the year 1809, as will appear by statement marked A, No. 1, the sum of \$38,513 96 was paid, by warrant of the Secretary of the Navy, into the Treasury, in conformity with the Act of 2d March, 1799, being the amount collected, by virtue of said Act, from the officers, seamen, and marines, of the navy; and, on the 25th February, 1811, at the period of passing the Act establishing commissioners of navy hospitals, there remained a balance due, to the marine hospital fund, of \$3,782 86, as per statement marked A, No. 2; and, by the same statement, it appears that the fund which has accrued, to naval hospitals, since the 26th February, 1811, to the 30th November, 1817, the latest settlement of accounts, amounts to \$77,701 45, while the annual expenditures for supporting the temporary establishments of navy hospitals, was \$13,783 98, as per statement A, No. 3; which has been paid out of the appropriations of the navy, and which exceeds, considerably, the amount received on account of the fund for navy hospitals. By a statement of the Register of the Treasury, marked A, No. 4, it appears, that, on the 1st January, 1811, there remained on hand a balance, on account of the marine hospital fund, of \$112,081 90, and that the expenditures of the years 1811 and 1812, exceeded the actual receipts by the sum of \$17,824 39; in the three subsequent years, buildings were required for the further accommodation of the sick, at different ports, and specific appropriations were granted, by Congress, for that purpose, to the amount of \$60,000. The unexpended balance of \$33,667 41, remaining in

the Treasury on the 1st January, 1817, with the estimated amount of receipts for that year, falls short of the expenditures by the sum of \$7,869 54; as appears by statement A, No. 1.

By section 3d of the Act passed 26th February, 1811, the commissioners were authorized and required to procure, at a suitable place or places, proper sites for navy hospitals, &c. In pursuance of which the commissioners met, in the early part of the year 1812, and had surveys made of several sites in Washington City, and an architect was employed to make a draught of a building, &c.; but the subsequent events of the war stopped further proceedings until after the peace. In 1815 and 1816 the commissioners met; and, upon examining the state of the funds, it was found that there were no moneys at their disposal, and applicable to the object; so that the provisions of the Act for establishing navy hospitals have not been carried into effect, for the reasons assigned; while no neglect is justly imputable, for every accommodation and medical aid has been afforded to the sick, in temporary hospitals, commensurate with the means, and so far as circumstances have permitted.

The resolution of the House of Representatives affords an occasion of presenting, herewith, a joint report of the commissioners of navy hospitals, for the consideration of Congress.

All which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed]

B. W. CROWNINSHIELD.

*The Hon. the SPEAKER
Of the House of Representatives.*